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SUBJECT: PATOLICHEV VISIT TO U.K.

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1. UK COMMERCIAL OFFICE ADVISED COMMATT OCTOBER 24 THAT SOVIET MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE PATOLICHEV WAS DEFINITELY SCHEDULED TO VISIT UK AROUND DECEMBER 1. MAJOR PURPOSE OF VISIT WILL BE TO EXCHANGE TEXTS OF SO-CALLED "MFN LETTER," DESIGNED TO REPLACE MFN PROVISION IN CURRENT UK-SOVIET TRADE AGREEMENT, WHICH IS NOT CONSISTENT WITH UK'S EC OBLIGATIONS. ACCORDING TO UK COMMOFF, GROUP OF SOVIET OFFICIALS INCLUDING CHIEF OF GOSPLANS'S FOREIGN TRADE DEPARTMENT MORDVINOV IS CURRENTLY IN LONDON FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON TEXT OF "MFN LETTER." OTHER MAJOR PENDING PIECE OF BUSINESS WHICH MAY BE CONSUMATED DURING PATOLICHEV'S VISIT IS CONTRACT FOR ROLLS-ROYCE RB-211 JET ENGINES WHICH SOVIETS PROPOSE TO TEST ON SOVIET AIRCRAFT AND, ASSUMING TESTS ARE SUCCESSFUL, INSTALL ON IL-86 "AIR BUS", WHEN LATTER TAKES TO THE AIR SEVERAL YEARS HENCE.

2. INTERESTINGLY, IN VIEW OF CONTINUING INTER-MINISTERIAL DISPUTES, MINISTER OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY KOSTANDOV HAS INFORMED

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BRITISH THAT HE INTENDS TO TAKE UP PENDING INVITATION AND VISIT

U.K. AROUND DECEMBER 1, I.E. AT SAME TIME AS PATOLICHEV. UK COMM-OFF SAID THAT THIS NEWS WAS RECEIVED WITH EVIDENT DISPLEASURE BY MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR ARRANGING PATOLICHEV'S VISIT. BRITISH ASSUME THAT KOSTANDOV LEARNED ABOUT PATOLICHEV'S VISIT AND DECIDED HE SHOULD BE ON HAND TO PROTECT HIS OWN INTERESTS, SHOULD SUBJECTS CONNECTED WITH CHEMICAL INDUSTRY ARISE.
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